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SURVEY OF VENEZUELAN-CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TRADE, 1951 - 1952

Venezuela's recorded trade with Czechoslovakia was small both in volume and in value in the years 1951 - 1952. Venezuela was a net importer of Czechoslovakian goods, but this trade amounted to less than .5 percent of the total value of Venezuela's annual imports.

Commodities moving from Czechoslovakia to Venezuela fall into the general categories of foods and beverages, fabrics, glass and ceramics, industrial animal and vegetable products, sanitary articles and numerous miscellaneous items. Exports to Czechoslovakia have been negligible; in 1951 none were included in the statistical publications of Venezuela and the US Department of Commerce; in the first six months of 1952 only 17 kilograms of toys, cacao and miscellaneous items, valued at approximately US $144.00, were sold to Czechoslovakia.

Examination of Venezuelan trade statistics for the year 1951 indicates a marked drop in imports from Czechoslovakia in the second half of the year, a trend which may reflect the mounting tension between Venezuela and the Soviet Bloc. The low import level continued until June 1952, when diplomatic relations between Venezuela and Czechoslovakia were broken.

There has been no indication of clandestine trade between the two countries, either before or after the severing of relations. Although Czechoslovakian agents have made consistent efforts to stimulate trade - both overt and clandestine - in Latin America, it is doubtful that they have met with any degree of success in Venezuela because of that country's hostile attitude toward the Soviet Bloc and because Venezuela has little need for Czechoslovakian goods or markets. Furthermore, the export of oil, probably the most desired commodity, is under careful scrutiny of the Venezuelan Government and the oil companies operating in the country.

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Enclosure A

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VENEZUELAN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA - 1951 - 1952

Venezuelan imports from Czechoslovakia			Venezuelan exports to Czechoslovakia	
Value (000 US dollars)		Volume (Metric T.)	Value (US dollars)	Volume (Kilograms)
1951 (total)	1,458	2,161	No statistics	Negligible
1951 (Jan-June)	1,131	1,685	"	"
1951 (July-Dec)	327	476	"	"
1952 (Jan-June)	423	755.6	144.	17

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Enclosure B

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TOTAL IMPORTS AND IMPORTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA - January - December 1951

(Quantity in metric tons; value in 000 US dollars)

Commodity or Commodity Group	Total from world		Total from Bloc		% of	Czechoslovakia	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Total Value	Quantity	Value
Imports, total	1,948,845	641,850	3,385	2,073	0.3	2,161	1,458
Fruits	19,520	5,503	5	2	(4)	4	1
Canned foods	10,858	6,740	20	20		7	3
Barley malt	18,396	3,317	51	8	0.2	51	8
Beer	196	40	5	1	2.5	5	1
Other foods & beverages	391,634	93,929	125	49	0.1	38	11
Rubber manufactures	620	823	6	15	1.8	6	15
Wool & goat hair fabrics	281	3,153	4	35	1.1	4	35
Felt manufactures	97	285	2	5	1.8	2	5
Rayon fabrics	1,132	5,287	20	49	0.9	20	49
Linen & ramie handworks & manufactures	16	50	4	9	18.0	(3)	(5)
Linen fabrics	376	1,457	4	18	1.2	2	5
Hemp fabrics & other manufactures	581	961	104	82	14.6	97	78
Yarn & thread	690	2,582	9	25	1.0	9	25
Printed fabrics	1,723	5,957	13	52	0.9	13	52
Special gloves for professional use	10	46	1	2	4.3	1	2
Other textiles	16,805	30,394	15	54	0.2	11	28
Other industrial animal products	1,597	1,654	5	5	0.3	5	5
Other industrial vegetable prod.	14,666	12,171	51	147	1.3	45	146
Furniture, ordinary wood	574	626	18	14	2.2	18	14
Manu. of ordinary wood	7,524	1,277	1	1	0.1	1	1
Paper	14,260	5,223	43	13	0.2	43	13
Other wood, paper, cardboard & manufactures	31,217	10,375	26	7	0.1	25	7
Flat glass	6,122	1,084	82	14	1.3	82	14
Glass bottles & flasks	5,013	1,429	2	3	0.2	2	3
Thermos bottles	240	189	80	40	21.2	72	36

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Commodity or Commodity Group	Total from world		Total from Bloc		% of	Czechoslovakia	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Total Value	Quantity	Value
Glass manufactures	1,668	671	18	25	3.7	18	25
Crystal manufactures	13	23	(3)	1	4.3	(3)	1
Crystal manufactures, unspecified	82	194	29	74	38.1	29	74
Other mineral ores, glass & ceramics	486,621	26,202	447	126	0.5	422	118
Copper, bronze & brass	7,755	8,093	2	4	(4)	2	4
Barbed wire, clamps, fencing wire	17,047	3,425	110	15	0.4	110	15
Pipes & fittings	254,597	46,033	16	2	(4)	16	2
Enamelware	2,678	1,625	21	9	0.6	7	3
Kitchen utensils	83	100	1	1	1.0	1	1
Iron & steel prod.	4,503	2,754	39	13	0.5	39	13
Instruments for arts & prof.	2,908	4,509	12	8	0.2	12	8
Other metals & manufactures	231,295	49,296	6	13	(4)	5	12
Organic acids, excl. acetic	294	207	36	15	7.2	36	15
Calcium carbide, salt & acids	2,065	200	172	11	5.5	172	11
Caustic soda	5,950	575	2	2	0.3	2	2
Inoculations for human use	398	727	89	67	9.2	89	67
Other chemicals	78,206	33,203	(3)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(5)
Disinfectant apparatus	56	134	1	1	0.7	1	1
Excavating apparatus	1,080	2,744	1	4	0.1	1	4
Machinery & apparatus (duty free)	14,555	12,975	10	10	0.1	19	10
Machines & apparatus (unspec.)	65,536	76,406	21	20	(4)	21	20
Typewriters & accessories	377	1,420	4	9	0.6	4	9
Elec. art. & accessories	8,153	8,228	6	5	0.1	6	5
Other machinery	67,222	74,937	43	79	0.1	40	71
Automobiles	22,656	23,338	2	1	(4)	2	1
Toys, games	2,979	3,937	15	12	0.3	15	12
Office supplies	609	1,155	15	22	1.9	15	22
Sanitary articles	3,998	2,650	466	234	8.8	466	234
Other merchandise	94,024	43,993	30	87	0.7	27	79
Nat'l Gov't - special imp.	4,517	4,167	163	104	2.5	21	68

(3) Less than ½ the unit
(4) " " 0.05 percent
(5) " " $500

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TOTAL IMPORTS AND IMPORTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA - January - June 1951

(Quantity in metric tons; value in 000 US dollars)

	Total from world		Total from Bloc		% of	Czechoslovakia	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Total Value	Quantity	Value
Imports, total	1,052,309	335,082	2,795	1,587	0.5	1,685	1,131

Source: International Economic Analysis Division, OIT, Department of Commerce

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Enclosure D

VENEZUELAN TRADE WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA - January - June 1952

Venezuelan Imports from Czechoslovakia	First Quarter 1952 Kilograms	Bolivars 1/
Preserved fruits	4,860	3,832
Unspecified preserves	600	891
Miscellaneous of Section I (foods)	8,144	9,573
Printed fabrics	2,870	29,543
Hemp manufactures	3,576	9,893
Miscellaneous of Section 2 (textiles)	215	992
Miscellaneous of Section 3 (animal industrial products)	56	1,092
Miscellaneous of Section 4 (vegetable industrial products)	743	1,179
Lumber	707	486
Wrapping paper	367	1,203
Paper in general	34,480	43,282
Sanitary articles (paper towels, napkins, etc.)	438	848
Glass containers with metal cover	943	2,837
Manufactured glass in unspecified form	5,085	13,177
Glass bottles	4,814	8,117
Manufactured crystal	12,576	101,522
Miscellaneous of Section 6 (minerals, glass)	45,479	43,321
Metal for concrete reinforcing	9,750	9,708
Manufactured iron or steel with porcelain coating	7,670	14,230
Manufactured iron or steel in unspecified form	2,724	8,124
Razor blades	100	1,169
Miscellaneous of Section 7	1,510	7,249
Passenger cars	1,500	—
Radio phonographs	215	1,554
Instruments for arts and trades	7,277	15,422
Unspecified machines and apparatus	2,636	5,988
Typewriters and accessories	395	2,495

1/ One Bolivar is equivalent to 30 cents U.S. currency.

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Venezuelan Imports from Czechoslovakia

	First Quarter 1952	
	Kilograms	Bolivars
Miscellaneous of Section 8 (machines, instruments)	4,901	34,865
Articles for sports, hunting, etc.	2,494	8,051
Electric accessories	194	804
Stationary supplies	3,254	14,734
Miscellaneous of Section 10 (miscellaneous)	100	283
Apparatus and substances against insects, parasites	387	1,022
Sanitary articles (basins, bidets, septic tanks)	5,968	5,940
Miscellaneous apparatus (rolling stock, filters, etc.)	3,865	6,772
Appliances for human protection	20,555	56,888
Miscellaneous of Section 11 (free list)	13,212	36,131
Total:	214,260	503,961

Exports to Czechoslovakia

Reexported food product	1	200
Cacao	3	5
Total:	4	205

Venezuelan Imports from Czechoslovakia

	Second Quarter 1952	
	Kilograms	Bolivars
Beer	925	436
Miscellaneous of Section I (food)	6,328	6,990
Common sewing thread	1,474	10,402
Printed fabrics	5,691	58,444
Textiles of artificial silk	2,171	42,840
Hemp manufactures	5,713	13,495
Miscellaneous of Section II (textiles)	1,651	9,959
Manufactured rubber	3,737	11,580
Miscellaneous of Section IV (vegetable industrial products)	169	439
Lumber	3,862	3,531
Furniture	906	1,990
Paper (in general)	58,416	55,627
Wrapping paper	5,880	11,163
Unspecified paper	2,238	3,233
Window glass	8,175	3,410

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	Second Quarter 1952	
	Kilograms	Bolivars
Venezuelan Imports from Czechoslovakia		
Glass containers with metal cover	484	905
Manufactured glass in unspecified form	5,237	30,029
Manufactured crystal	7,836	66,328
Mirrors	1,236	11,001
Miscellaneous of Section VI (minerals, glass)	100,233	79,155
Reinforcing bars	88,200	40,187
Iron and steel beams	109,720	51,602
Manufactured iron and steel with porcelain coating	4,105	10,075
Flat irons	167	—
Screws, nuts, rivets	286	804
Unspecified iron and steel manufactures	10,193	29,548
Radios and phonographs	579	4,164
Instruments for arts and trades	2,592	5,882
Sewing machines	449	1,246
Typewriters and accessories	566	6,182
Unspecified machines and apparatus	2,920	12,649
Miscellaneous of Section 8 (machines)	13,061	117,467
Articles for hunting, sport, etc.	9,948	30,736
Workmen's shoes	1,424	8,117
Unspecified items for drug stores	206	744
Stationery supplies	1,069	7,252
Miscellaneous	26	7
Apparatus and substances against insects, parasites	411	704
Sanitary articles, basins, bidets, etc.	54,589	111,253
Miscellaneous apparatus - filters, rolling stock	6,129	10,798
Appliances for human protection	12,381	35,912
Total:	541,383	906,286
Exports to Czechoslovakia		
Toys manufactured locally	4	70
Unspecified local manufactures	6	200
Cacao	3	5
Total:	13	275

1/ One Bolivar is equivalent to 30 cents US currency.

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